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at Pretoria the Terms
of Peace.

Republics Should Have Counted
the Cost Before Enter-
ing on the War.

Whitelaw Reid's Timely Words
--Col. Peakman Leading
Mafeking Relief.

London, March 12.—(4:30 a. m.)—Lord Roberts is making a very rapid advance, and he is again misleading the Boers by continuing the advance southward instead of through the flat country due east of Asvogel Kop. He will probably seize the railway south of Bloemfontein, and although another battle is possible, it is more likely that the Boers are only endeavoring to delay his advance until all the rolling stock of the railway and the stores and troops from the Orange River district can be gotten away.

Such confidence is now felt in the military operations that interest rather centres in the political aspect of the war.

The Daily News quotes Whitelaw Reid as saying in a private letter: "I give you hearty congratulations on the changed aspect of the war. It is an immense relief to us all as well as to you." "This view," says the Daily News, "is welcome as expressing with an unusual measure of authority the enlightened public feeling in the United States."

Except in the case of Germany, the replies of the powers to the Boer appeals for intervention are not yet known publicly here, but it is quite certain that Austria-Hungary and Italy will decline to interfere, and there is no apprehension that anything will come of the overtures of the two republics.

A despatch from Lorenzo Marques announces the arrival there of Mr. Fischer, the Orange Free State Secretary, and Mr. Woolhams, a member of the Transvaal executive council. It is not known whether they are bound on a mission to foreign countries or to Sir Alfred Milner. Mr. Woolhams is in President Kruger's confidence.

Cecil Rhodes has issued a statement that his forthcoming visit to England has solely to do with private business, and is in no way connected with the South African settlement.

All the morning papers take the line that the government will decline to open negotiations with the Boer republics except on the basis of complete surrender, and also that the cabinet will render, and will also make it perfectly clear that nothing in the shape of intervention will be tolerated. The Standard says: "There is an idea in some quarters that on arriving at Bloemfontein Lord Roberts will issue a proclamation which will leave little doubt as to the future of the republics."

The Times says: "President Kruger and President Steyn should have counted the cost before they made war. They played for a great stake and have lost. Until they are ready for unconditional surrender they may save themselves the trouble of sending communications to Her Majesty's government."

"We are glad to see that it is understood in the United States as well as on the Continent that any proffer of mediation will be distinctly repugnant to this country. It would be wholly inadmissible, and the Dutch minister at Washington is entirely mistaken in supposing we would listen to such proposals if they come from a nation on terms of cordial intimacy with us. We mean to settle this controversy ourselves and in our own way."

No further news has been received from Mafeking, but it turns out that Col. Peakman commands the relief column which is marching from Kimberley.

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POETS IN U.S. CABINET.

Perhaps President McKinley's cabinet will be best known to fame for the quality of its poetry rather than for great diplomatic achievements.

The present administration has two poets of more than ordinary note. John D. Long, secretary of the navy, has written this hymn that promises to become classic:

I would, dear Jesus, I could break
The hedge that creeds and hearsay make
And like Thy first disciples, be
In person led and taught by Thee.

I read Thy words, so strong, so sweet;
I seek the footsteps of Thy feet;
But men so mystify the trace,
I long to see Thy face to face.

Wouldst Thou not let me at Thy side,
In Thee, in Thee so sure confide?
Like John, upon Thy breast recline
And feel Thy heart make mine divine?

Another poet is Miss Helen Hay, daughter of the secretary of state. Her latest book, "Some Verses," for private circulation only, contains a sonnet called "Love's Kiss," which runs thus:

Kiss me but once, and in that space supreme
My whole dark life shall quiver to an end;
Sweet death shall see my heart and comprehend
That life is crowned, and in an endless gleam
Will fix the color of the dying stream.
That Life and Death may meet as friend
With friend,
An endless immortality to blend.

Kiss me but once, and so shall end my dream.
And then Love heard me and bestowed his kiss,
And straight I cried to Death: I will not die!
Earth is so fair when she remembers this;
Life is but just begun—ah, come not yet!
The very world smiles up to kiss the sky
And in the grave one may forget—forget.

Secretary Hay is himself no mean poet and in fact, the whole administration with its sudden eruption of new and strange world-building forces is a great epic.

TORONTO CIVIC SALARIES.

Toronto, March 12.—At a meeting of the board of control, Mayor Macdonald tried hard to have the salary of Assessment Commissioner Fleming cut from \$4,000 to \$2,500, and that of City Treasurer Condy from \$5,400 to \$3,000. The mayor was voted down.

A CLERGYMAN'S DEATH.

Montreal, March 12.—Rev. Dr. Davidson died this afternoon.

AN ARROGANT MINISTER.

Toronto Telegram's Ottawa Correspondent.

Sir Louis Davies, it is safe to assert, is wholly responsible for Gourdeau's good fortune. The Minister of Marine and Fisheries, since he began prefixing a title to his name, has grown intolerably overbearing. He talks and acts as if the whole world was making obeisance to his feet. So far as it is possible he consults no one's wishes and no one's feelings but his own. He sneers at suggestions of Conservative strength, and is forth, a highly ludicrous example of a man impressed with his own importance. A lofty belief that no follower would have the temerity to question the propriety of one of his appointments, led him to take such liberties with the party's temper as to appoint Major Gourdeau. He will wake up to the real state of affairs before the next Liberal caucus has been an hour in session.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

Charleson Given the Farming of Supply Contracts—Mr. Tarte's Holiday—Standard Wages Stipulated.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, March 12.—The Kaslo & Lard-Duncan railway bill passed the Commons to-day.

Mr. Mulock, answering Col. Prior, said he had no knowledge of where Mr. Charleson purchased his supplies this year, everything being left to his discretion.

Seventeen thousand dollars has been spent on the winter road to Yukon.

Mr. Tarte goes to Paris to-morrow.

The government proposes to incorporate in all subsidies to railways the public works provision that the standard rate of wages must be paid to employees.

The Overtures For Peace

Text of Kruger's Request and
the Emphatic Rejection
Promised.

Boers Wished a Breathing Spell
Upon Receipt of Their
Absurd Suggestion.

Paris, March 13.—(6:40 a. m.)—The Gaulois publishes the following from its London correspondent: "According to good authority, President Kruger and President Steyn have not made a formal proposition of peace, but have asked the British government, through the United States, the condition it would accept for the opening of negotiations on the basis of the independence of the republics."

London, March 12.—In the House of Commons to-day Mr. Balfour, the government leader, in reply to a question as to whether, consistently with public interests, he could state the essential conditions on which alone the government would entertain peace proposals from the South African republics, promised that papers in this connection would shortly be presented to the House of Commons. Being asked if there was any foundation for the report that President Kruger had addressed a communication to the government, Mr. Balfour reiterated his promise that papers bearing on this subject would be presented to the house within a short time.

It is learned that the papers promised by Mr. Balfour will be presented to-morrow, and will confirm in every respect the news culled by the Associated Press. Friday last, that the peace rumors were founded on the fact that President Kruger had appealed to Lord Salisbury for a cessation of hostilities, setting forth at length by cable the terms which he was willing to accept, and also that the cable despatch to the Premier was signed by President Steyn as well as by President Kruger.

Lord Salisbury's answer is exactly as given by the Associated Press at the same time, namely that the advances had met with an emphatic rejection at the hands of Lord Salisbury, who also said that no such attempt to obtain the independence of the Transvaal could be considered for a moment by the British government.

Washington, March 12.—Lord Pauncefoot, called at the state department late in the afternoon and spent an hour with Secretary Hay. If he was made acquainted with the tenor of any communications relative to peace that may have come from Pretoria, he gave no sign of the fact. The officials of the state department also maintain a reserve, respecting this subject that is impervious and the only thing that could be obtained from them was that the department is restrained from discussing the subject by a regard for the diplomatic proprieties, and especially because of the requirement that persons to whom a note is addressed should be permitted to receive it before its substance is made public. In such case, presuming that Mr. Choate received the note only to-day, it is probable that he would not be able to inform the state department that he delivered it to Lord Salisbury before to-morrow.

RECRUITING FOR AFRICA.

Toronto Furnishes an Officer and
Twenty-five Men—To Sail on
the Monterey.

Toronto, March 12.—The quota of 25 men being sent from here to bring the Royal Canadians up to the full standard, left the city this evening for Halifax, on sudden word from Ottawa. They will sail after all on the Monterey with Strathcona's Horse. One or two persons to whom a note is addressed should be permitted to receive it before its substance is made public. In such case, presuming that Mr. Choate received the note only to-day, it is probable that he would not be able to inform the state department that he delivered it to Lord Salisbury before to-morrow.

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AN IRISH VIXEN.

Angered That the Queen Has Removed
Grievance on Which She Would
Trade.

Dublin, March 12.—Miss Annie Parnell, sister of the late Charles Stewart Parnell, publishes the following letter: "Since the Queen, whose Irish subjects have hitherto been punished if they ventured to sport the shamrock, has now ordered them to wear it as a token of their degradation, it seems to me those Irish who do not wish to be identified with the robber lords of South Africa, should take some notice of this insult to their little island, whose very humbleness might have been protected if from the Queen's Empress. I suggest that those who cannot refrain from wearing the shamrock should dip it into the ink until the dishonor is wiped out by the final triumph of the Boers or in some other way."

Outwitted The Boers

Roberts Passed Round to Bloemfontein Without Calling at
Their Trenches.

His Force Camped an Easy
Day's March from Free
State Capital.

Residents Along New Route Hastily Fled After Hoisting White Flags.

Venter Vleit, March 12.—(Evening.)—The British forces, which since the fighting at Deelfontein have been marching rapidly hither, have turned the Boer position. Our cavalry are ahead. The Boers were reported this morning about 12,000 strong with 18 guns in position on a range of kopjes commanding the road to Bloemfontein, which is 15 miles distant.

London, March 13.—The Daily News has the following despatch dated Monday evening, March 12, from Venter's Vleit: "We left Asvogel Kop this morning, preceded by cavalry and marched here, a distance of about 15 miles. The army has been following Kaal Spruit and we are now rather to the south of Bloemfontein and only 12 miles off. "All the divisions have not joined the main advance. Lord Roberts' headquarters are at Grogowsk's Farm. You will remember that the 'reform' prisoners were tried before Judge Gregowsk. "By advancing along Kaal Spruit, Lord Roberts has again outwitted the Boers, who had entrenched themselves along the Modder, thinking that our route would be in that direction. We found most of the farms along our line of march deserted with white flags flying over the houses. All the belongings worth removal had been taken away and there were evident signs that occupants left in a hurry, things being littered about. "The commander-in-chief has given strict orders that nothing is to be touched. It is not expected that we shall meet with great opposition in entering Bloemfontein."

FLAG FOR IRISH BRAVERY.

London's Lord Mayor Will Pay Tribute
On St. Patrick's Day—Boer Agent
to Dublin Fanatics.

London, March 12.—The Lord Mayor has directed that the Irish flag be hoisted over the Mansion House on St. Patrick's Day in recognition of the bravery of the Irish troops in South Africa.

The letter of Dr. Leyds, the diplomatic agent of Transvaal to Mr. John Clancy, Irish Nationalist member of parliament for the north division of County Dublin, charging the British government for the resolution of sympathy for the South African Republics, says: "The resolution is greatly appreciated by me. I know how keenly it will be prized by our much suffering country still struggling for independence and liberty. It is a satisfaction to know that a considerable part of the Irish population in the United Kingdom, mindful of the blood being shed in South Africa, continue to extend sympathy to our people. May this sympathy be re-echoed by numbers of your countrymen."

Dublin, March 12.—Wm. Redmond, M.P., has written to the clerk of the corporation protesting against the proposed address of welcome to Queen Victoria and expressing his intention to resign his seat in the council if the address is presented.

DIPLOMACY EMBARRASSED.

Senate Demands Addition to British
Ready Gift to Secretary Hay.

London, March 12.—No communications have passed between London and Washington in regard to the Nicaraguan canal treaty and the reports cabled here that Lord Pauncefoot, the British ambassador at Washington sent despatches to the foreign office bearing on this subject are incorrect. The Associated Press is authorized to say that the attitude of the British government is that having agreed to all of Secretary Hay's requests without asking for a quid pro quo, it can do nothing more, nor express any opinion until new requests are made through the same channels. As nothing of the kind has been done, no notice can be taken of the senatorial action. It appears that Lord Salisbury has thus far devoted no attention to the matter. The United States charge d'affaires here, Henry White, had an interview with Lord Salisbury to-day, and as far as the Associated Press is able to ascertain the Nicaraguan canal matter was not discussed. Under the circumstances it is difficult to definitely say what the probable attitude of Great Britain is on this question but the indications point to the fact that the adoption of the amendment will result in Great Britain's refusal to further consider any modification of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty.

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THE WAR.

Particulars of the British advance to Kimberley are now coming in by mail and they disclose a rapidity of movement, a perfection of organization and a degree of endurance on the part of the men beyond all praise. Military critics have been unstinted in their praise of the exceptional mobility of the Boer forces, but it has been demonstrated that our men are more than a match for them. It is quite a new thing for a British army to gain a reputation for superior mobilization, but with the advent of Kitchener things have changed. He showed on the Nile how to "organize victory" and he is giving a second illustration of it in South Africa.

Bethulie bridge, where Gatare was when last heard from, is at the crossing of the Orange river by the railway from the coast at East London. Asvogel Kop, where Roberts was yesterday, is almost within striking distance of Bloemfontein, so it seems probable that we can take the Free State capital and control the railway from the south at any time, if indeed this has not already been accomplished. Our southern divisions are now at Norval's Pont and Bethulie, the former being 121 and the latter 125 miles distant from Bloemfontein. They are on separate lines of railway, which unite at Springfontein, which is 88 miles from the Free State capital. By the route Roberts is advancing he is at least 150 miles from Gatare, instead of 100 as stated in yesterday afternoon's despatches. When he reaches Bloemfontein he will have the Boer forces, which have lately been operating in Cape Colony, that is at Colesberg, Stormberg and Dordrecht, in a pocket, out of which they will find it difficult to extricate themselves.

Kruger clearly recognizes that defeat is inevitable, for he is appealing to the powers. We believe his appeal will fall on deaf ears. No nation can justify interference. Kruger declared war, invaded our territory, and put us to great cost in valuable lives and money. He and his must take the consequence, and we are convinced that he will be so informed. If not and any of the European nations think themselves called upon to proffer advice, they will be told that we settle our own business in our own way. No government can live in Great Britain that will tolerate foreign interference after what has taken place. We expect that Kruger will be directed to make the best terms he can for himself. What those terms will be we do not know; but they will be such as will render another Boer war impossible.

A PROPOSED REVOLUTION.

Responsible, parliamentary government has hitherto been recognized as the fundamental principle in British institutions. It has had a long and successful trial. It has been built up by the experience of centuries. It has proved equal to the requirements of the nations at all times, and under its shield there has grown up in British lands the broadest liberty, equal justice and a sense of security far in advance of what is known elsewhere on the globe. It suits the political designs of Mr. Joseph Martin to endeavor to overthrow this excellent condition of things and make this province an arena for the experiments of faddists. He proposes to introduce what he calls "the principle of the referendum," which some people speak of as though it were a boon tried and proved to be of incalculable value.

What is the referendum? It is an institution of Swiss origin. Switzerland is divided into many valleys. Its total area is 5,721 square miles, of which a very considerable portion is uninhabitable on account of its altitude; but the whole is divided into twenty-five cantons, each canton embracing a valley. In six of the cantons the laws are made directly by the people in what we would call a town meeting, every male adult inhabitant having a right to vote. In others representative institutions prevail, and in two of them—Grisons, area 2,706 square miles, population 91,782; and Valais, area 2,016, population 93,300—all laws after being passed by the representative assembly must be submitted to the people for their direct approval. This is the referendum for which certain faddists claim so much, and which Mr. Martin seeks to engraft upon British Columbia. In the more populous and wealthy cantons there has been no thought of adopting the referendum, although it has been in operation for generations right at their very doors.

It ought to be obvious to any man of ordinary intelligence that a system of

government applicable to the people of a small area, where the conditions have been settled for centuries and where there is little divergence of interest, would not be applicable for a great area like British Columbia. We recognize its value in this province when applied to municipalities, for no money by-law can take effect until it has been submitted to a popular vote; but experience has taught that in such matters the people most concerned are very apathetic and have to be urged repeatedly to go to the polls. It is quite a mistake to suppose, as many people do, that Switzerland is governed by the referendum. This most ancient of democracies is governed by representative institutions just as Great Britain and her colonies are, but the decrees of the federal congress may be submitted to the people, if a canton of 30,000 people so demands. The referendum as a remedy for things that have gone wrong, a political cure-all and a pledge of public safety in English-speaking countries is a fad of those people who took up Bellamy's book, which was really only a satire, as a piece of profound philosophy.

Mr. Martin in his platform only proposes to apply this referendum to one subject, namely the eight-hour law, but this proposal, if adopted, will be the entering of the wedge, which will in time split our institutions asunder. It is time to protest against anything so revolutionary.

PERSONAL GOVERNMENT.

It would be mockery to claim that we have responsible or representative government in this province at the present time. We are governed as much by an absolute ruler as is Russia. There has been nothing like it in British history since the days before Cromwell, when the kings ruled and their favorites governed. We wish to state the case briefly and dispassionately, for the strength of the protest, which we have to make, lies in its justice and not in the language with which it may be expressed.

1st. The selection of Mr. Joseph Martin as first minister was the selection of a "favorite"—that is, he was chosen not because he had the support of a majority or even a formidable minority of the legislature, but because the Lieutenant-Governor preferred him to any one else. What Buckingham was to Charles I. Mr. Martin is to Lieutenant-Governor McInnes. Sir John Eliot, speaking of Buckingham, said that "he doth so commix his actions with those of the king" that the one could not be separated from the other, and he called upon the people to hold both responsible for the acts of either, which as every reader knows they did after the fashion of those days. Buckingham was assassinated. Charles was tried and beheaded. It is hardly necessary to say that we do not recommend this sort of a remedy in British Columbia.

2nd. Having chosen a "favorite" as first minister, and knowing that the legislature would not grant "the favorite" any supplies, Lieutenant-Governor McInnes prorogued the house and "the favorite" declared his intention of expending public money by special warrant and without the authority of the legislature. By an odd coincidence the history of Charles and Buckingham furnishes an exact parallel.

3rd. Although the constitution of British Columbia provides that the executive council shall consist of six officials, "the favorite" is being permitted to carry on affairs with only two colleagues, and both of these are men who have never served the people of the province in any capacity whatever before. We contend that this is unconstitutional government and question the legality of anything done by order of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-council while such a state of things exists. This is a matter of exceedingly grave importance, for it may affect the validity of crown grants, transactions with the banks and every other matter whatever which the laws of the province contemplate shall be done by the Lieutenant-Governor and with the advice of the executive council. It is a question whether or not the legislature will be under even an implied obligation to carry out undertakings, financial or otherwise, entered into by the present bot-tailed ministry.

4th. "The favorite" proposes to leave the province without a legislature until he has had time to perfect his plans to secure a majority at the polls. Buckingham did not do this, but other "favorites" before him did. The effect of such action may be far-reaching. It may result in the suspension of the public service; for it is a question if a financial institution will feel safe in advancing money to be employed by "the favorite" when doubt exists if the law authorizes the issuing of special warrants after the close of the fiscal year, when no supply has been granted.

5th. It is proposed without warrant of law or the slightest authority from any quarter to take a plebiscite upon a public question. No person in British Columbia has any authority to submit any abstract question to be decided upon by the people at the polls; no officer has any right to receive such votes; no person is under any obligation to return the number of such votes; and we submit that there is reason to believe that the attempt to take such a vote in connection with the election of representatives might in-

validate the latter, for the legislature having declared what shall be done at such an election nothing else can legally be done thereat. Special legislation was needed to authorize the prohibition plebiscite.

6th. It is proposed to hold a general election without any appropriation therefor, which we hold to be distinctly wrong and that the expense of the election cannot be legally met by a special warrant, in the absence of any vote whatever for supply. In other words, the representatives of the people govern the province, not the Lieutenant-Governor and his "favorite."

Other matters may be particularized to show that we are as much under personal government in British Columbia to-day as England was in the days of Charles I. And the question is: "What are the people going to do about it?"

NOTHING TO TAKE BACK.

The Colonist protested in 1898 against the assumption of the Lieutenant-Governor of the functions of a personal ruler. It protested in 1899 against affairs being carried on without a full executive council.

It protested in 1899 and 1900 against the illegal consolidation of offices in the hands of a single minister. It protested in 1897 and 1899 against the attempt of two party conventions to raise fictitious labor questions.

It protested in 1897, 1899 and 1900 against the proposed government ownership of railways.

It protested in 1899 against hasty and experimental legislation.

It protested in 1899 against the alien exclusion law as it was introduced into the house.

It protested against the eight-hour law, as seen as it knew of its existence, and even after it had been endorsed by the Conservative convention.

It has protested steadily against the attempt to make provincial questions subservient to federal party issues.

And in view of what is now occurring it does not feel called upon to take anything back.

The Times wants the "arbitrary clauses" removed from the eight-hour law. That is what we all want. Make eight hours a legal day's work, if you will; but do not punish a man who wishes to work longer.

Rossland has become something resembling an armed camp. While the news of special officers being sworn in is news we have for some time been aware that conditions existed in Kootenay which might make such a step appear to be necessary. There is a great deal of unwritten history in connection with the mining situation that would startle the public if it were made known.

We print a letter from Mr. J. C. Brown, of New Westminster, referring to an article which appeared in the Colonist. Before making any comment upon it we will wait to see if Mr. Brown admits that the telegram referred to was really received by him, and if he did refer to it when in consultation with the Lieutenant-Governor. He says he did not when in conversation with the Lieutenant-Governor and Mr. Martin, but no one said that he did. The public would like to know as fully as possible all the facts leading up to Mr. Martin's selection as Premier.

In answer to a correspondent, who asks us to the longest speech on record, we may say that it is generally conceded that Mr. McClure, of the British Columbia legislature, held the record, although report has usually associated the feat with Mr. DeCosmos' name. W. H. Needham, of the New Brunswick legislature, once delivered an exceedingly long speech so as to prevent a bill being passed in time for the outgoing mail, but it was not as long as that of Mr. McClure. Of actual speeches—that is those delivered for some other purpose than to kill time—the Canadian parliament has perhaps the highest average.

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Letters to The Editor

YES OR NO.

Sir: Undoubtedly the real issue before the people of British Columbia to-day does not lay in any platform or planks but lies in the question, is it, whether Mr. Joseph Martin is to be, or not to be? Let the one point be decided by the electors, and that is, Martin or no Martin. With no beating about the bush—Yes or No.


Short of insurrection, using pressure for a general election to take place at once, on provincial issues, and parliamentary candidates to answer first before all, this question, and that without any reservation whatever. Hang all planks, platforms and political creeds till this matter is settled!

A VOTER.

PARTY LINES.

Sir: In olden times when all schools taught Latin that beautiful prayer of the Episcopal church, commencing, "O nith of beetle martin," was memorized by the boys into "all my eye" and Betty Martin," hence the slang of contempt used these centuries of "all my eye." With this preamble, I may say this ancient expression is very considerably significant of our views on Eastern party lines in politics, now tried to be introduced at our elections.

And what is there in these Eastern Canadian politics to warrant such an innovation in this province? If we take the newspapers and read through the long-winded speeches we find nothing learned, and only one side accusing the other of dishonesty. We have a book issued by the Dominion government exposing swindling contractors, and we learn each contractor has to give a sop in the pun. We remember the main cause of the North-west rebellion, the feeding of rotten bacon and supplies to Indians; the Yukon scandals, beautifully



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hushed; and dozens of other affairs down to the present, where a pleasure affair of groceries for the government was bought at Kingston, a merchant would have sold in this town for costs of freight only; and last week when members at Ottawa accused one another openly in the legislature of breaking all the ten commandments, and both sides (party lines) in speeches are full of accusations, recriminations, etc., making themselves out to be in as plain as can be set forth in the English language, as a set to be avoided by every sensible man.

There should be something shown why we voting on party lines could be in any way benefited by such associations. Morally it is impossible. Sentiment of one common origin cuts no figure; we would as soon subscribe to a church as to a party. In Russia, as to vote at the last district of either party lines 3,000 miles away, where circumstances and wants are as different from our Western requirements as light from dark.

Such lines may be partially worked in Coast towns, but never in the Interior. Our votes have and always will be a personal one, such as selecting those in whom we have confidence to represent the wishes of the people. Long-winded orators, each showing the disreputable side of his opponents, no clean politics in other, must be taken by us that to associate with them, politically, is to acknowledge that we are as full of low down tricks as themselves.

Now instance the tactics by those working professionally no party lines imported here recently, and say if you could politically have anything worse for British Columbia. Take the Alien Act, Public License Act, Labor Act, Chumpey Bill and that known as the McKechnie knock-out, where a medical man (enemy) is not allowed to make over \$3,000 per annum—so all medicals thus situated have to suffer for just the one act. Not one beneficial act, and each act has injured all classes of business. Party lines forsooth, is all my eye and Betty Martin.

March, 1900.

ASHCROFT.

THE PALGRAVES.

Sir: With that sense of honor which characterizes the conduct of your paper, I trust you will give equal publicity to the following extract from the London Tablet of the 17th ult. as was recently given the St. Louis Globe-Democrat extract in reference to the above Sir Reginald Palgrave's retirement from the clerkship of the House of Commons has produced a little crop of newspaper allusions to his brother, William Gifford Palgrave, of whom it is thought sufficient to say that he joined the office of Home and the Results, only to abandon them and it. The narrative result need not have stopped at that point in the spiritual journeyings of this famous traveler by land and sea. For he, too, returned once more to the ark, and died within its shelter, having found no resting place beyond its borders.

"Three of the Palgrave brothers (whose family had been Jews until their father's generation) had had conspicuous careers: the retiring clerk of the Commons; the late Professor of Poetry at Oxford; Mr. Francis Turner Palgrave, master of the anthologists; and the William Gifford Palgrave, whose extraordinarily varied experiences as an Honorary man at Oxford, as a soldier, as a Jesuit priest and missionary, as an intrepid Arabian explorer, as an agent of the British government in Egypt, and finally as a sort of philanthropic agent of the East of the third Napoleon, are among the strangest records in modern biography. His life has still to be written; but in his brother the Professor's "Life," we have a glimpse of him. His journal records with joy that his beloved brother towards the close of his life had been reconciled "to his own church, the Catholic," and, touching his death in 1888, we have this entry: "I little thought that was hanging over me the day I wrote the tele-gram in the daily papers announcing the death of my very dear, dear Gifford. I had very rarely parted from him through childhood and youth till he left for the Indian service in 1847. I saw him next in Rome in 1854, at the Collegio Romano—a strange but delightful meeting; next, when he appeared in his Syrian robes as priest at our own house in Hampstead. May I be as ready—as worthy, or near it anywhere, I cannot be."

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Between The Marion Steam Shovel Company, Plaintiff, and The Fort George Gold Dredging Company and The Pictou & Cariboo Gold Dredging Company, Defendants.

In obedience to a writ of fieri facias issued out of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, Yale Registry, at Kamloops, and to me directed in the above-named suit for the sum of \$5,420.76 and \$7.00 for costs of execution, etc., and also interest on \$5,420.76 at six per centum per annum from the 7th day of January, 1899, until payment, besides Sheriff's charges, costs, fees, and all other legal incidental expenses, I have seized and, unless the said execution debt, interest and costs are sooner paid, will offer for sale by public auction, on Friday, the 16th day of March proximo, at Rich Bar, about four miles below Quesnelle, on Fraser River, the following described goods and chattels, or sufficient thereof to satisfy the said execution debt, interest and costs, that is to say:

A complete dredging plant, known as the "Youngs Dredge," and consisting of 1 screw 26x80x5 feet, 1 screw 16x77x4 feet, 2 boilers of 50 h.p. each, 1 double steam hoisting engine 8x10, 1 double steam hoisting engine 10x12, 1 dynamo with fittings complete; 2,000 lineal feet of assorted steel cable; 550 lineal feet of 2-inch Manila rope, about 500 lbs of bolts, nuts and steam fittings, a full outfit of machinists, blacksmiths and carpenters' tools, a large quantity of tools and appliances used in operating the dredge, and other articles too numerous to mention; also a set of steam hoisting engines now stored at Quesnelle; 60 Dredging Levers, each comprising 5 miles of the bed of Fraser River, commencing at a point on said River about 5 miles above the mouth of Cottonwood River and extending thence up stream a distance of thirty miles.

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Imperial Cafe for afternoon tea. Ralston bread and buns. Cosy rooms for ladies.

Public Meeting.—There is some talk of a public meeting being called in the Philharmonic hall on Thursday evening next to which the voters, irrespective of party, will be invited for the purpose of considering the great necessity for concerted action of this critical time in the history of the province.

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Trial Postponed.—The trial of the action of the Bank of British Columbia vs. Oppenheimer, set for hearing in the Supreme court for yesterday, has been postponed until March 29 by a chamber order.

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Mining Arbitration.—The coal mines regulation arbitration will sit at the parliament buildings this morning to hear the arguments on the evidence submitted at Nanaimo and Union. Mr. A. L. Belyea, Q.C., appears for the crown and Mr. R. Cassidy for the mine owners.

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Farmers' Institute.—Special meetings of the Victoria District Farmers' Institute will be held at Royal Oak school house on Wednesday, the 14th March, and at Agricultural hall, South Saanich, the following week, when the question of importing thoroughbred stock will be thoroughly discussed.

Got Nine Months.—In the Supreme court yesterday morning before Mr. Justice Martin, Albert Pearson was granted a speedy trial. He pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing \$450 and a watch and chain from Prof. A. E. Hill, of Esquimalt, Wash., and was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment with hard labor.

Irish Concert.—The annual Irish concert held on or about St. Patrick's Day will this year be held on Tuesday evening, the 20th inst., in Temperance hall, and as in former years will be under the direction of J. G. Brown, who will be assisted by the best talent available in Victoria.

Saturday's Popular Concert.—The programme for next Saturday evening's concert in Temperance hall will be in charge of the First Presbyterian church choir, under the leadership of Mr. J. G. Brown. A splendid programme is in preparation, including choruses, duets, quartets, solos, instrumental selection and recitations.

School Trustees' Quarters.—At the meeting of the board of school trustees on Wednesday evening next the chairman, Dr. Lewis Hall, will move that the city council be asked to grant the board for office purposes the use of the rooms formerly occupied by the staff of the fire department, the office now occupied by the board being unsuitable.

Large Auction Sale.—A lady for some time resident in this city is leaving shortly to join her husband in the North and has therefore instructed the Cuthbert-Brown Company, Ltd., to sell her very desirable furniture in their salesrooms to-morrow (Wednesday) at 2 p.m. An elegant piano, a fine safe, and other German makers will be included in the sale.

Athletic Club Fund.—A concert will be given in Sample's hall this evening in aid of the building fund of the Victoria West Athletic Association. A fine programme has been prepared, and it is hoped a large number will attend. Rev. W. D. Barber has kindly consented to act as chairman and the following ladies and gentlemen will assist on the programme: The Messrs Crocker, Andrews, Pitt, Hamilton and Messrs. J. G. Brown, H. Pirih, G. F. Watson, J. and F. Dresser, C. and G. Merrifield, Brooker and Fowler.

No Quorum.—There was to have been a meeting of the Sorby harbor scheme investigation committee at the city hall yesterday afternoon to receive the report from the sub-committee on real estate. The sub-committee's report was ready but there was not a quorum of the general committee present to receive it, and after waiting an hour the meeting was adjourned. So as to enable the council to decide whether the \$1,600 required for boring operations should be voted, the report was referred to them by Mayor Hayward last evening, together with Mr. Sorby's answer.

Sad News.—Mrs. J. W. Griffith, of Port Townsend, who has been visiting friends in Victoria, on Sunday received news of the death at Astoria, Oregon, of her eldest brother, James Fox. The deceased some years ago resided with his parents in Victoria, leaving his trade as a machinist at the Albion Iron Works, then a small concern owned by the late Joseph Spratt. Latterly he has been engaged at the Astoria Iron Works, of which his brother, John Fox, collector of customs for Oregon, is president. He leaves a widow and two children. Mrs. Griffith left for home this morning.

Anniversary Dinner.—Cedar Hill Lodge, No. 3, L.O.G.T., celebrated its twenty-third birthday with an anniversary dinner in Temperance hall, Cedar Hill last Saturday evening. Seats were provided at well laden tables for forty guests, and a most enjoyable time was spent. The after-dinner programme was as follows: Speech, Mr. C. E. King, P.C.T.; song, Mr. Ridgway; speech, Mr. Grev. Sluggert; chorus, "The Maple Leaf," recitation, Miss Mary Holmes; song, Mr. R. Smith; speech, Mr. Thornton. The enjoyable evening was brought to a close with the singing of "God Save the Queen" and "Auld Lang Syne." Miss Laura Miller ably performed the duties of accompanist.

Masons at Dunceans.—Temple Lodge, U.L.A.F. & A.M., held a very successful and interesting meeting at their lodge rooms at Dunceans, Saturday night. There was a good gathering of visiting brethren. After the work of the evening was concluded the brethren adjourned to the Quamichien hotel where the genial host, Mr. Grieve, had prepared a fine supper. The brethren enjoyed themselves around the festive board, several toasts being proposed and suitably responded to. Among the visitors were, Wor. Bro. A. Maxwell Muir, P.M., of Victoria; W. Mason, N. G. Foster, H. E. Church, E. C. Barnes, J. C. Shaw, H. O'Connell, H. J. R. Stewart and the Wor. Master, T. W. Jones, of Ashlar Lodge, Nanaimo; F. W. Grieve, J. G. Fraser, St. John's Lodge, Wellington, and H. J. Hollings, and W. F. Chapman, Cobble Hill. The officers of Temple Lodge, John Frame, W.M., H. S. Smith, S.W., and S. Robinson, J.W., were assiduous in their attention to the visitors, and received well-merited commendation for their excellent work and wholehearted hospitality. They expressed the hope that their visitors would be seen often during the year at the meetings of the lodge.

Cape Nome.—The newspapers are loud in their praise of the above place, and as a money-maker it is no doubt good; how to make money in Victoria is the thing; you can save money by buying your books and stationery from the Victoria news co., 86 Yates street, T. T. Williams, manager.



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The Mary Taylor Completes a Good Catch—And Ocean Rover Is Disabled.

Uncharted Rock Jumped by a Collier—Glenogle Arrives With Many Chinese.

The fiftal, variable luck of the sealer was illustrated yesterday in two reports from Mr. Andrew Bechtel's fleet—the one good, the other bad. The former is of special interest to those who have friends aboard the Mary Taylor, that vessel having returned to Port San Juan with 700 skins to show for her spring hunting, including to re-provision there and proceed at once to the northern hunting fields. John Hwangberg and three others of the Taylor's hunters—Nangle, Pilgrim and Allen—brought the news of her good luck to the owner on Sunday evening. The wire being down, they had left their vessel at San Juan at 9:30 in the morning, and sailing their 18-foot open boat to the liveliest gale that has capped the Straits for many a day, reported to Mr. Bechtel here at about 7 in the evening. Of course, this lightning run up to Victoria was accomplished with the aid of the gale; naturally nine and a half hours is the usual time for a row-boat on the sixty-mile stretch between San Juan and the Capital.

As for the schooner, she has little to report for herself save the catch and "All's well"; as for the others of the fleet with which she has fallen in, she received as the first of the Umbria that that vessel had lost two hunters, an Indian and a Kanaka, who were missed from the schooner on the 26th ultimo, and it is presumed went down with their boat in the rough weather prevailing off Cape Mendocino about that time. Their men and suit were the guns tied to the former, were picked up by the Favorite some days later, and positively identified. The Umbria at her speaking had 460 skins, while the Dora Siewerd is credited with 203 eight days ago, the Hatzie with 183, and the Annie E. Paine with 128. On receiving men and fresh supplies by the Mystery, which will go down to her to-day, the Taylor will continue on her cruise at once. She is this season in the command of Capt. William O'Leary, and carries an all-white crew of 21 men. For the last several seasons she has been in the command of Capt. Otto Buckholz, and first sailed by him. She was chartered for the present season by Mr. Bechtel and her master, Capt. E. Col, and left port late in December for the north coast, where she was to pick up her native hunting crew. These men were secured in good time at Masset, Q. C. I., and the course was shaped southerly, when a storm was encountered in the Heante straits, which buffeted the little vessel for a day and then swept her clean—eight canoes going overboard, the skylight and hatch being smashed in and the rail carried away, while the wheel looks as though a cyclone had toyed with it and left it a hopeless cripple. On the 14th January that the big blow came on, the vessel was in the channel on the 15th, and developing hurricane proportions on the following morning, when at 6 a.m. the first sea swept the vessel. In the general wash-away the mate went overboard with the gear, although evidently he kept afloat, and with the returning swell managed to clutch a rope and get aboard again. The peculiarity of the big blow was that it came from the southeast, and then shifted with unusual suddenness sharp to the northeast—blowing quite as hard. After the mishap, the schooner was headed for Skidegate, looking, whence she crept to Cape Cook and back to Quatsino, where she lay for 15 days, the gale raging all the while. The Mystery received word that she was anxious for a tow down, and went up for her, picking her up off Cape Cook, and bringing her in yesterday morning. Her Indians are divided through the revival of obsolete shipping laws and violation of the promise that Nome would be made a port of entry, having to all appearances been successful. The Alpha, nor any other British vessel, may not be by her American treasury department, go to Nome direct; neither they nor any other vessels of sea-going character will be able to get into St. Michael, and thence to Nome, before mid-June. The only hope for the Alpha is to carry out the elaborate plans for which she has been refitted at great expense, and in which she promised to be a big money-maker, would seem to be by transfer of the ship to an American company, and change of her register—and even this is said to be impossible under the intricacies of American shipping law. For the present the Alpha's advertisements have been withdrawn, and her owners and agents are in a quandary.

Efforts of Her American Rivals to Throw Alpha Out of Business Will Probably Prove Successful.

Although everything was in readiness for the Alpha, sailing from this city and Vancouver, to be the first vessel of the season off for Nome, it is now very improbable that she will get away at all. The reason is that her American rivals to put her out of the business through the revival of obsolete shipping laws and violation of the promise that Nome would be made a port of entry, having to all appearances been successful. The Alpha, nor any other British vessel, may not be by her American treasury department, go to Nome direct; neither they nor any other vessels of sea-going character will be able to get into St. Michael, and thence to Nome, before mid-June. The only hope for the Alpha is to carry out the elaborate plans for which she has been refitted at great expense, and in which she promised to be a big money-maker, would seem to be by transfer of the ship to an American company, and change of her register—and even this is said to be impossible under the intricacies of American shipping law. For the present the Alpha's advertisements have been withdrawn, and her owners and agents are in a quandary.

HERE FOR REPAIRS.
Owners of the Colorado Decide That Victoria Is the Best Place to Make Good In.

The old bark Colorado is alongside the Rice Mills wharf and will receive here the repairs necessitated by her towing down from Juneau. While en route down from Juneau, she concentrated for the Tacoma smelter. This will mean an expenditure of between \$3,500 and \$5,000 with the local shipwrights, for the Colorado did not escape so luckily as the Lorne, and looks indeed something like a longshoreman who has been in a fight and come out second best. Her patches for and can not help but suggest court-plaster.

RAILWAY HILL BLOCKED.

Danube Missed a Large List of Passengers From the "Inside."

C. P. N. Co.'s steamer Danube, Capt. H. R. Foot, completed an uneventful voyage to and from the North on Sunday evening, her down passenger list being comparatively light in consequence of railway traffic on the Vancouver and Yukon still being tied up with a large number of pilgrims waiting at Bennett to get through. A train was despatched for the Summit the day that she left, but as it was still snowing thickly at that time, and decidedly cold, the chances of its getting through

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Homespun Dress Goods.

A SPECIAL SHIPMENT of New Homespun Dress Materials received direct from the makers. Homespuns are first favorites, and whatever fashion favors must have a place here. This season's selections are far ahead of any other one. This Accounts for the Vast Increases in Dress Goods. Ladies, now for the prices.

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Note.—You will find a beautiful range of material for Bedstead Hangings and Bedroom and Window Drapes and Curtains, on our "Second Floor."

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1900

Massey-Harris

AND

"Ivanhoe" Bicycles

OUR PRICES WILL BE POPULAR.

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to be no truth in the report that she will go to Nome with a special party; it is more probable that she will be held in readiness for the August sailing.

Steamer Mananasse passed out on Sunday, coal-laden from Nanaimo for Hilo; while the St. Paul went up to the mines, to take coal for Dutch Harbor.

After more than two months' detention at the Diamond Head quarantine station, the Japanese tramp steamer Nanyo Maru has been allowed to proceed to Seattle for her flour cargo for Oriental delivery.

The big N.P. steamship Glenogle spent all yesterday at Quarantine, and will come in early this morning. She is understood to have upwards of nine hundred Orientals on board, about half of whom are for Victoria. Another arrival of yesterday at William Head was the ship Caesarea, from Honolulu.

The German ship Caesarea arrived in quarantine yesterday from the islands in 13 days, a record trip for sailing vessels. The ship will be thoroughly fumigated before leaving William Head.

Her officers report that the plague is abundant in Honolulu. The Rene Rickmers, another of the Honolulu fleet, which has been in quarantine for a week, will leave to-day.

The tug Lorne arrived from the Cape at 6:30 p.m. yesterday, and left at midnight for Vancouver, to tow the ship Star of France to sea.

The bark Richard III., in tow of the tug Pilot, arrived in the Royal Roads last evening.

Donation Acknowledged.—The following letter is self-explanatory: "To the boys of the Collegiate school, Burdett avenue: The conveners and committee of the South African soldiers' comforts' committee desire to thank Mr. Laing, the headmaster, and boys of the Collegiate school for their generous and loyal response of \$10.50. That sum purchased thirty dozen handkerchiefs for the Canadian soldiers in South Africa." (Sd.) F. R. Crease, A. M. McMicking.

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MEN'S SUITS, OVERCOATS and

MACKINTOSHES - - - HALF PRICE FOR CASH

MEN'S SUITS - - - \$2.50, \$3.75, \$4.25, \$5.50

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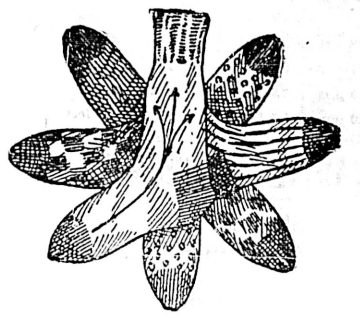
KNICKERS - - - 25c, 35c, 50c per pair

BOYS' OVERCOATS and PEA JACKETS - - - \$1.00 each

GENTS' STIFF and SOFT HATS, \$1.60 each, worth \$3.00 each

WINTER UNDERWEAR, to clear - - - 25c, 35c, 40c, 50c

100 doz. SOX - - - 10c pair, worth 25c



B. WILLIAMS & CO., 97 JOHNSON STREET.

No Vote For Sorby Borings

Matter of Appropriation Laid Over At Last Night's Meeting of Council.

Suggestion to Remove Old Men's Home From Present Unsuitable Site.

About the only matter of importance, outside of routine business, dealt with at last evening's meeting of the board of aldermen, was the question of appropriating a sum of \$1,600 for the purposes of making borings in the harbor in connection with the Sorby scheme. Aldermen Brydon and Beckwith were strongly in favor of the appropriation being passed, but the Mayor pointed out that the report of the general committee had not yet been submitted, and as Mr. Sorby's figures on revenue had been seriously attacked, it would be well to let the matter lay over until more information was before the board. This was agreed to, Aldermen Brydon and Beckwith alone voting in the negative. There were present His Worship Mayor Hayward, in the chair, and Aldermen Kinsman, Williams, Cameron, Brydon, Beckwith, Stewart, Yates and Hall.

Mr. Justice Martin complained of the condition of the water supply to the higher levels. He hoped that an arrangement would be made for an adequate supply during the approaching summer season.

Ald. Williams was of the opinion that the new pumping station would remedy the grievance. He moved, seconded by Ald. Hall, that the matter be referred to the water commissioner.

Ald. Yates thought the council had better answer the communication direct. The motion was amended in this direction and passed.

P. Elworthy, secretary of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital, drew the attention of the board to the necessity of installing a suitable disinfecting plant at the hospital. Laid upon the table.

Pell & Gregory wrote again on the matter of the swing on Rock Bay wharf. They notified the board that their clients would not consent to the closing of the swing, and that there was no question to be submitted to the Dominion government to be decided. They further asked for the restoration of the swing at once.

Ald. Kinsman said his recollection was that the Dominion officials' contention had been in accord with that of the city.

Ald. Stewart thought that as the bridge was open, it would be well to leave the matter over until a reply had been received from the Dominion government.

Ald. Cameron said he recalled that the matter had been finally submitted to the authorities at Ottawa.

Ald. Yates said no time should be lost in informing the Dominion authorities what the position of the city is.

Ald. Williams hoped that the strongest argument in favor of the city should be made out.

Ald. Beckwith followed with remarks

THE BEGINNING OF HEART FAILURE.

Thin Watery Blood and Weak Exhausted Nerves the Real Cause—Dr. Chase's Nerve Food the Preventive.

Persons subject to thin blood and nervous exhaustion may well tremble at the mention of heart failure, as they have in their system the beginnings which lead to weakness of the heart.

The vitality of the heart is amazing, considering the immense amount of work it does, and so long as it is supplied with plenty of rich, red blood it plods on untroubled, rebuilding its waste as the blood passes through.

Once the blood gets thin and the nerves starved and exhausted, the waste gradually becomes more rapid than the restoring process, and finally some nervous shock or over-exertion causes the beating to cease, and life departs.

Headaches, pains in the back and limbs, sleeplessness, weakness, and irregularities of the feminine organs, palpitation of the heart and nervous disorders are sure indications of thin, weak blood.

Dr. Chase's Nerve Food forms new red corpuscles in the blood, puts vital energy into the nerves, and stops the wasting process that would ultimately end in heart failure, nervous prostration or paralysis.

It is the world's greatest restorative for men, women and children. In pill form, 50 cents a box, at all dealers, or Edmondson, Bates & Co., Toronto. Book free.

showing that the swing was always unnecessary. The communication was received, and acknowledged, and a committee appointed to submit the city's case to the Dominion government.

Messrs. Holstmann & Co. asked for a refund of taxes paid on property owned by Andrew Keating, amounting to \$227. Submitted to finance committee for report.

W. H. G. Ellison drew the attention of the board to the depreciation in the value of property by the wrecking of windows, etc. He also complained that children were encouraged by their parents in the work of destroying buildings pulled down by their elders, notably in the instance of buildings on Craigflower road. He explained at some length the status of the famous Craigflower road dispute. He asked that the by-law be "carried out." Received and filed.

The Mayor informed the board that there was no quorum at the meeting which was to have been held yesterday afternoon on the Sorby scheme, but the following report from the sub-committee on real estate had been prepared:

Victoria, B.C., 12th March, 1900. To the Chairman Sorby Harbor Improvement Committee, Victoria.

Sir: Referring to the earlier reports made by you to the real estate committee, we beg to state that that committee had not at the time of making these reports considered Mr. Sorby's scheme as a whole. They had not then fully realized the fact that the occupants of the property which it is proposed should be purchased by the harbor commissioners would be deprived of the revenue resulting from the collection of wharfage dues. In fact, as they understood the position, they were asked to report upon the present value of, and revenue derived from, the real estate fronting on the water.

As to value, we still believe that Mr. Sorby's estimate for the purchase of the land is reasonable; but we are of opinion that tenants of such property would not be prepared under the altered conditions to pay such rents as would be necessary in order to produce the revenue Mr. Sorby has calculated upon receiving.

In the consideration of revenue, we are met with many difficulties, arising chiefly from the fact that all estimates must, to a certain extent, be speculative.

The reclamation of large tracts on the water front must necessarily depreciate by condition the revenue-bearing capacity of the wharves that are now in existence, unless we grant (which we are not prepared to do) that the increased harbor facilities will greatly stimulate our ship trade.

Further, it is quite possible that the imposition of wharfage dues may result in the removal of some of the industries now being carried on in Victoria. We refer particularly to the saw milling business.

In making an approximate calculation, we can only consider the business as it now exists, and we believe that the annual revenue derivable from the land fronting on the water would be at the least fifteen thousand dollars less than Mr. Sorby's estimate. In the event of the collection of wharfage dues—as at present paid—putting into hands other than those of the occupants.

In Mr. Sorby's estimate, credit is taken for an increase of revenue of \$30,000 per annum to be received from reclaimed land and new wharves. This we think is purely speculative, and should not be taken into consideration, depending as it does on the possibility of increased trade.

Yours faithfully, C. A. HOLLAND, JAMES FORMAN, C. F. TODD.

Sub-Committee on Real Estate. To this Mr. Sorby replied as follows: Victoria, 12th March, 1900.

The Chairman Investigating Committee. Sir: With reference to the report of the real estate committee of this date, I have always stated, and the fact has been published many times, that wharfage dues are rents receivable from properties purchased were separate and distinct sources of revenue. In fact the wharves are mostly let off separately and have no connection with the offices and warehouses between them and the adjacent streets, from which alone the real estate revenue is calculated to be derived. The committee seem to have failed to understand this, and also to make allowance for the fact that the rates named in my schedule are gross rents as new existing and are discounted "on blue" at the end to the extent of about 33 per cent. for taxes, etc.

They have also failed to grasp the fact that the whole estate, improved, unimproved or reclaimed, is one undivided property, under one control and practically owned by the city, and of course cannot be depreciated by competition, as it might be under separate owners.

With reference to saw mills, the owners at present maintain their wharves at great cost for repelling and pay taxes; this cost of maintenance and taxes are assumed after purchase by the harbor trust and a wharfage of 20 cents per thousand feet is charged instead which would in fact be a considerable saving to the mill occupier.

The \$30,000 per annum calculated as receivable from reclaimed land is speculative after a period of years, as stated, and may be left out of the calculation.

The logic of the committee's argument is this: That the fact of deepening and improving the harbor, so as to be accessible to modern carriers and building broad stone wharves and other facilities for the expeditious handling of the trade of the port, would be to depreciate the annual value of properties abutting on the harbor from

their present rentals of \$78,124 to only \$38,100, which is manifestly absurd. My estimates having been challenged, I made it my business to check my calculations by interviewing the leading importers and ascertaining for myself the wharfage actually paid. I have obtained returns from 33 of our leading importers of their import trading, and these figures demonstrate the hitherto unknown fact that the charges actually paid vary with the size and weight from 20 cents to \$2.10 per ton. A very large proportion of the imports come in small parcels, i.e., under half a ton, and pay the higher rates. The mean of all the averages is 83 cents per ton, and the rate on export by reason of their being in smaller lots is higher still. I beg to include for perusal the original figures marked II, to be returned to me. I also submit a detailed calculation marked B. The tonnage stated cannot be disputed; it is a little over the revenue committee's figures, after correcting their obvious omission of 10,000 tons and calculating this tonnage at rates varying from 10 cents to 80 cents, keeping well within the actually ascertained rates. I maintain that the revenue from this source would be \$115,919, and adding to this the revenue from real estate, even as reduced by the committee, \$37,500, the total revenue to be derived would be \$153,419. Instead of \$148,100, as before estimated. The tonnage, I may say, is based upon the custom house averages of the last three years.

There is one thing I would like to make clear. The proposition first is that a harbor board shall be incorporated as at Montreal, Quebec, etc. 2. That the federal government shall advance to the board \$2,500,000 at 3 per cent. as at Montreal, for the purpose of enabling them to acquire the properties under consideration. The interest on the loan would be about \$75,000 per annum, and the revenue about \$150,000. The board to report to the government the facts as they find them, and suggest a course of future proceedings.

3. Or in the alternative, guarantee the city's bonds so that they could obtain the money on similar terms. 4. The board would have no power, under the act, to incur any liabilities beyond the limit of the revenue so that they could not possibly be incurred that is not clearly visible on its face and was not controllable by the property owners.

I trust I have made these facts clear. I remain, sir, your faithful servant, THOS. C. SORBY.

Ald. Beckwith thought these reports should have gone into the general committee.

The Mayor again explained that there was no quorum at the meeting yesterday. Ald. Brydon moved that the reports be laid on the table temporarily.

The Mayor explained that the reports were merely received for the council's information. They were addressed to the committee.

Ald. Brydon claimed that sufficient information was now before the council to warrant it to make the contract with Mr. Harris for the borings.

George De Wolfe, representing the Johnson estate, wrote expressing the opinion that the paving of Yates street could be done much cheaper by day labor. Laid upon the table.

Samuel Briggs complained of the alteration of some sidewalks on North Chatham street. Referred to the city engineer for report.

The city engineer reported on the condition of Cook street. From Yates street to Fairfield road he considered badly in need of repairs. He submitted the following estimates: Cook street, between Belcher and Richardson, 30 feet in width, macadamized, \$1,100; Cook street, between Yates and Fairfield road, \$2,350. Referred to street committee.

J. D. Bryant and others asked for the continuation of Caledonia avenue from Cook street to Blanchard street. Referred to street committee.

W. Monks, of the Old Men's Home, asked for cash in lieu of maintenance, so that he might live outside the home.

Ald. Williams said he was informed that Monks had turned over some Vancouver property to the city.

After some discussion Ald. Yates expressed the opinion that the home, in its local and steps ought to be taken for its removal.

Ald. Beckwith, chairman of the home committee, explained that it was the intention of the committee to recommend that the home be removed to another locality. Referred to home committee for report.

Ald. Williams did not think the application of Monks should be entertained for a moment. He was not in favor of giving any man money to live outside the home.

The water commissioner, re suggested extension of the system of most street, reported that the cost of laying four-inch pipe would be \$1,800.

Ald. Cameron moved that the portion of the report recommending four-inch pipes be adopted. The district is growing up and should be supplied with water.

Ald. Hall seconded the motion. Complaints had been made for four or five years, and the matter should be given attention.

The motion carried. A petition from Thomas Elliott and four others asked for the extension of the sewerage system along Mason street to Quadra. Referred to streets committee.

The electric light committee, regarding extension of the service to Esquimalt, reported adversely, as the machinery is at present fully taxed. The report was adopted.

Denn & Hiscocks, Druggists, Cor. Yates and Broad Sts. Victoria, B.C.

The finance committee recommended

the appropriation of \$3,514 for payment of accounts for the month. Received and adopted.

The home committee reported that as the Home for the Aged was not under the city's jurisdiction, it would not be wise to recommend Mrs. Robson's admission thereto.

The finance committee recommended the appropriation of \$1,630 for the purpose of making borings in connection with the Sorby scheme.

Ald. Kinsman strenuously opposed the appropriation. It was only throwing money away. The committee's reports had not given the information which would show that the scheme was a good one.

Ald. Cameron explained that aside from his personal feelings in the matter, he was desirous of seeing some progress made, but he would like to see the matter laid over until the council had further information before it.

Ald. Beckwith was of the opinion that aside from the Sorby scheme, altogether a great deal of good would come out of the proposed examination of the harbor, as showing the condition of the bottom of the harbor.

Ald. Yates said that while various objections had been made to voting the money, progress was being made; but in view of all the circumstances he would like the report to lay on the table until the report of the general committee had been received.

Ald. Stewart was never much in favor of the scheme, but until reliable information was at hand from the general committee, he would oppose making any appropriation. He was far from being satisfied that the scheme was a feasible one. He thought the burden proposed was too great a one for the city to bear.

Ald. Beckwith—What is to be done with Mr. Harris?

The Mayor—There is no liability so far as the city is concerned.

Ald. Beckwith contended that a special estimate was made for the boring work, the contract drawn up and signed; and in the face of that he thought Mr. Harris would have to be paid.

Ald. Stewart's recollection of the circumstances was somewhat different. He did not think Mr. Harris had any claim.

Ald. Yates supported Ald. Beckwith's contention.

Ald. Kinsman had no recollection of the council binding themselves in the matter. He did not see what Mr. Harris had to do with the board. "We're responsible to the people."

Ald. Brydon was convinced that sufficient was before the board to warrant it in making the appropriation. It was a small sum compared with the grand scheme of the whole, and the council should not stop at incurring the small expense. He was convinced that Mr. Sorby's figures were correct. He did not think the critics of the project had taken time to inquire into it. Ald. Brydon would not see what the scheme was for. He would not see what Mr. Harris's claims were concerned, he, as a member of the board, would not consent to the suggestion that the council had no responsibility in the matter.

The Mayor thought it would be well to leave the matter to go over a week. Mr. Sorby had met the committee's contentions by a report, in which his statements regarding revenue might be open to grave criticism. It would be well to let the people digest this important phase of the situation.

Ald. Beckwith protested against the matter being deferred. It was most unbusiness-like.

The report was laid over.

Ald. Yates brought up the matter of the inquiry into the complaints made by Mr. Baker against the fire department. A motion being out of order, the matter was dropped.

Ald. Brydon's motion for the destruction of condemned shacks owned by Joseph Carey then came up.

Ald. Kinsman thought that the men who owned such buildings should be notified before the demolition.

The Mayor agreed with Ald. Kinsman.

Ald. Beckwith thought otherwise. He would strongly support the motion. There were dozens of these nuisances, and repeated requests to remove them had been ignored.

Ald. Brydon pointed out that the necessity of removing these shacks was most urgent. The places were reeking with filth.

The motion carried and the council adjourned, the hour being 10:30, to meet again this evening.

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Our stock comprises all that is demanded in a first-class drug store.

Our stock of perfumes, toilet requisites and preparations meet with the approval of the most critical modern buyers.

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All classes of Canadians make Paine's Celery Compound a family medicine. Our sales of this wonderful disease-banisher are on the increase every week. Paine's Celery Compound never disappoints the ailing and sick.

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AT THE PLAYHOUSE.

"Toll Gate Inn" the Attraction for This Evening at the Victoria.

That in the production of "Toll Gate Inn" at the Victoria Theatre to-night Victorians are to be given one of the rare treats of the season can be gathered by glancing at the following lines taken from the St. Paul Dispatch of February 16: "The 'Toll Gate Inn' which was presented at the Metropolitan last night, for the first time in St. Paul, both pleased and surprised the audience, as nothing half so good was expected. The piece is staged in a perfectly accurate colonial setting. 'Toll Gate Inn' is a delightful, wholesome play." This is only a small part of a very extended criticism, but is sufficient to show that "Toll Gate Inn" is a production out of the ordinary.

When Herbert Hall Winslow wrote "Who is Who" he designed a legitimate comedy along dramatic lines and with a plot replete with the most farcical situations. When the management organized this company for a tour in Winslow's work, they soon found that farcical comedy needed vaudeville relief; and they at once interpreted numerous specialty features until they now have for the present and third edition one of the merriest, brightest and most tuneful farce comedy attractions before the public. Besides these inimitable comedians, Pusey and St. John, the company numbers twenty-two people and includes such well known people as Jas. Cherry, Harry N. Welch, Chas. E. Adams, Arthur H. Roach, Eva Tanguay, Sophia Miller, Georgia Tompkins, Louise Gold, Madeleine Winthrop and Sadie Whitecomb. With this ensemble of talent, they have set their laugh-making entertainment in a special scenic frame and dressed it in a lavish manner. This organization will be seen at the Victoria Theatre to-morrow night, and a rare good laugh is assured.

Adgie, "The Lady of Lions," drew large audiences to the Philharmonic hall on Saturday afternoon and evening, her performance being both novel and daring, and justly maintaining for herself the proud title by which she is known. Apparently the immense beasts are under the superior control of her human will, yet one of them was particularly inclined to be nasty and seemingly averse to do her bidding, growling and snarling at her, and showing her teeth did Adgie not look in her direction. In conjunction with the lions, the "mystical" Lewis, assisted by Miss Terrier, amused and delighted the audiences by some really clever sleight-of-hand work. The trunk mystery as done by these talented magicians is a wonderful piece of adroitness, and the wonderful case with which Lewis moved handcuffs supplied by the police, demonstrated most clearly the possibilities to be obtained through the application of the necromancer's art.

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THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office, Victoria, March 12.—8 p.m.

SYNOPSIS.

The extensive ocean storm area which recently caused such heavy rains west of the Cascades has crossed the continent to the Great Lakes, where it is causing a mild spell and more rain. Since Saturday a vast high barometer area has moved up the coast, accompanied by fine weather, and is now centered over Vancouver Island. It is likely to cause several fair days throughout the province and moderate winds along the coast from this to California.

TEMPERATURES.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	38	51
New Westminster	36	51
Kamloops	38	50
Barkerville	28	40
Calgary	30	40
Winnipeg	30	46
Portland, Ore.	40	66
San Francisco	52	72

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time), Tuesday: Victoria and vicinity—Moderate winds, mostly north or east; fair to-day, and probably Wednesday; local frosts at night. Lower Mainland—Light or moderate variable winds; generally fair, with frosts at night.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, March 11.	
Deg.	Deg.
5 a.m. 49	Mean 46
Noon 53	Highest 54
5 p.m. 51	Lowest 40

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a.m. 5 miles southeast.
Noon 32 miles west.
5 p.m. 20 miles west.

Average state of weather—Partly fair, with showers.
Rain—73 inch.
Sunshine—7 hours 48 minutes.
Barometer at noon—Observed 29.968
Corrected 29.972

NEW WESTMINSTER.
Barometer at 5 p.m.—Corrected 30.012

MONDAY, March 12.
Deg. Deg.
5 p.m. 41 Mean 44
Noon 49 Highest 51
5 p.m. 51 Lowest 37

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a.m. 2 miles west.
Noon 11 miles northeast.
5 p.m. 8 miles northeast.

Average state of weather—Fair.
Sunshine—8 hours 24 minutes.
Barometer at noon—Observed 30.342
Corrected 30.349

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Barometer at 5 p.m.—Corrected 30.30

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Miners' Union Enters Protest

Objects to Mine Owners Placing Guards on Their Properties.

Correspondence Between the Attorney-General and Union on Subject.

There has been considerable correspondence between the Attorney-General, the Rossland miners' union and the officials of Rossland during the last few days over the action of the owners in having special constables sworn in to guard the B.A.C., War Eagle and Centre Star properties. Mr. Martin first heard of it through a telegram from the union stating that twenty men had been sworn in. He asked for further information and the name of the magistrate who swore the men in and received the following reply from the union:

"The detective agency, Victoria, furnished men in charge of ex-Mounted Police. Properties patrolled like armed camp. Sworn by Police Magistrate Boulthée, Rossland. Has created strained relations. Letter will follow. Mr. Martin telegraphed the union that he had wired Mayor Goodhue, and had asked Magistrate Boulthée for an explanation. To Mr. Boulthée he wired: 'Am surprised at not receiving report from you as to trouble at mines. Kindly advise me by letter as to circumstances which induced you to swear in special constables,' and to Mayor Goodhue: 'Am sorry to hear that mine owners have placed special constables in charge. This department has had no intimation of expected trouble. The government feels obliged to deal with any trouble. Kindly publish this telegram for information of public.'"

Yesterday morning the Premier received the promised letter from the union, which follows:

Rossland, March 8, 1900. To Hon. J. H. Martin, Premier, Victoria: Sir,—We make haste to reply as stated in telegram re the employment of special policemen in the Rossland camp.

The managers of the Le Roi, War Eagle and Centre Star properties have stated on more than one occasion that the partial closing down of the mines was an absolute necessity, giving as their reasons defective machinery, being broken in development work, and the installation of more improved and modern machinery.

However, some persons unknown to us are creating an impression that the eight-hour law and the miners' union are to blame for all the continuation of difficulties that has visited this mining camp, which we admit is very unfortunate at this particular time, and which no human being could prevent. We are willing to produce facts that the eight-hour law and the miners' union have not been the cause of one individual losing his employment, nor has the union caused the management of the different properties any action is requested as to whom they shall or shall not employ.

In view of these facts we object to armed men patrolling the several properties in camp.

Individuals are accosted on the highways and byways and are intimidated by these imported constables and requested to give a strict and correct account of themselves. These specials are visited nightly every three hours by a mounted officer, are regulated in the regulation uniform and supplied with implements of modern question. The action is certainly objectionable to the citizens of this community. We know of no motive for such a course to be pursued by the mine owners. They have never done us any harm and we assure you, sir, we will always, to the best of our ability, respect the laws and customs of our country and prevent others from violating them if possible.

Thid's detective agency at Victoria furnished the men. Police Magistrate Boulthée swore them in. We asked him on whose authority this action was taken. He evaded the question more or less, but one could read between the lines the mine owners or their representatives made declaration, or what nature we do not know. We presume that to the chief of police Mr. Boulthée intimated that it should make no difference whether there be one special or one hundred. It certainly does not make any difference to the mine owners. We consider this army of imported men, now citizens of this community, a standing menace to the peace, harmony and prosperity of this mining camp, and that it is establishing a dangerous precedent and certainly not in keeping with the quantity of work in future, paying by the day. The men were informed to-day of the new arrangements. Contracts will be let from day to day until the mines are in full operation. The miners have so far refused to take contracts and did so today pending consideration of the matter in meeting.

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LOCAL NEWS

Council Meeting.—The board of aldermen will meet again in special session this evening when the Expenditure by-Law, 1900, and laid-over business will be dealt with.

Band of Hope Entertainment.—The James Bay Band of Hope will give an entertainment in the Methodist church this evening at 8 o'clock. A splendid programme has been arranged, including recitations and dialogues by the children.

Nearing Completion.—The new two-story brick building in course of erection on Yates street, to be occupied by Messrs. B. Williams & Co., is nearing completion. The roof is in position, and if fine weather continues the contract will be completed in about ten days.

The Police Court.—Before Magistrate Hall yesterday, the case of the B. C. Land & Investment Agency, charged with an infraction of the Street by-Laws, was remanded until Thursday. The case of Wing Chung Lung, for an infraction of the Street by-Law, was withdrawn, the Chinaman now remedying the grievance.

Methodist Council.—A meeting of the Methodist council was held in the Metropolitan Methodist church last night, at which the officers for the year were elected. Rev. W. H. Barraclough, B. A., was elected president, Mr. Geo. Davey, secretary, and Mr. N. Shakespear, treasurer. The council has in view the work of social and moral reform for the city. Although the movement is but in the formation stage, there are evidences of deep interest on the part of many prominent Methodists. Another meeting of the council will be called at an early date, when plans of aggressive work will be decided upon.

PERSONAL.

W. K. and Mrs. Houston and their little son, from Vernon, are at the Imperial. S. M. Robbins, superintendent of the New Vancouver Coal Company, who has been ill for some time, is a guest at the Driford. G. E. Corbett, ex-M.P., of New Westminster, registered at the Driford on Saturday.

Julian Soutag, general manager of the Giant Powder Company of San Francisco, owners of the works at Telegraph Bay, is at the Driford.

Joe Gavin and wife, of Denver, and Mrs. L. Abbe and George A. L. Abbe, of Seattle, form a party of pleasure seekers at present at the Driford.

Samuel J. Leach, who is on his way to Dawson, is at the Driford. Mrs. C. C. Chipman, wife of the General Western Manager of the Hudson Bay Co., accompanied by her daughter and Mrs. Duper, of Colarue, are at the Driford.

H. H. Irvine and A. A. Ewart, of St. Paul, and R. J. Ingles and J. P. McNaughton, of Montreal, are at the Driford. Capt. Gilmore, Puget Sound pilot, and P. M. Studley, Seattle manager for the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, came to the Rossland Hotel yesterday and registered at the Victoria.

J. A. Kennen, J. C. Conlin and A. D. Dods, of Vancouver, are at the Victoria. W. R. Robertson, M.P.P., of Cowichan; D. A. McLean, of Ladang, and S. W. Chalmers, of Vernon, are guests at the Victoria.

E. W. Welby, representing the Jeffreys-Sharkey Picture Company, is at the Victoria. Mrs. Hall, a well known resident of Geneva, N.Y., is spending a few days as a guest at the Imperial Hotel.

H. V. Cottrell, agent of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. at North Bend, and a brother of Mr. Cottrell of the Victoria office, spent Sunday at the Hotel Victoria, with his bride, Mrs. Cottrell, of Durham, Ont. Their short stay in this city completes Mr. and Mrs. Cottrell's honeymoon journey, and they left yesterday for Vancouver, on their way to North Bend, where they will make their home. Thanks to the delightful weather of Sunday they were enabled to get a fair view of Victoria in her beauty.

IRON IN THE WEST.

Article Encouraging to Those Predicting Great Future For Vancouver Island Deposits.

From Engineering.

The Eastern States of America have seen rapid development in recent years in the manufacture of iron and steel. Development on the other side of the continent have been retarded, though by no means suppressed, by the inability to produce the raw material on the spot, and the necessity of obtaining it from the East. The Pacific Slope has in fact, been peculiarly dependent upon the Eastern for light and heavy hardware, agricultural implements, railway and bridge material, and everything else composed mainly of steel or iron. Retail dealers in California, Oregon and Washington have for long felt sore over this fact. Between what they regarded as the exactions of the East coast merchant and the heavy transportation tax of the railroads, these gentlemen thought themselves badly oppressed. Relief was not to be had apparently from England. Distance and the tariff precluded hope from that quarter, and though something in the way of trade was still possible on better terms than dealings with the Pittsburg men, its volume was relatively inconsiderable. What was required, in order to place the Western men on a fair footing, was an abundant supply of iron ore on the western slopes of the Rocky mountains. It would appear that this supply exists. At any rate, we learn now that in southern Utah, not more than 300 miles from Los Angeles, a large body of ore has actually been found. From all accounts it is not so free from phosphorus as that obtained in the vicinity of Lake Superior, but the percentage is reported to be small, but the percentage in the Iron Age ore can be taken out very easily and cheaply. Coal that can be made into a good supply of coke, and the limestone also needed for reducing the ore, are close at hand. The existence of these deposits is known months ago to energetic prospectors; but development has been delayed by negotiations between the owners of valuable claims there, and the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, which has wanted to work the mines. A lease has now been effected by that corporation with a stipulation that from 150,000 to 180,000 tons shall be taken out yearly. The Colorado folks need to construct only 90 miles of road to complete connection with Pueblo, their headquarters; and the Oregon Short line and the Grande are already making extensions that will pass much nearer to Iron Mountain. The vista opened up to the prophetic vision of some of our American friends by this discovery is sufficiently attractive. "Pittsburg," they remind us, "was not built in a day. The iron and steel industry of the Pacific coast must be developed gradually. Before it is well established the Nicaragua

canal may be an accomplished fact. Freight rates from one coast to the other would then be reduced, no doubt. But the manifest advantage of having a supply of raw material close at hand would not be lost altogether. It would only be restating the fact that Utah may become another Alabama, and brains, capital, and enterprise would seize the opportunity afforded by a supply of cheap iron to convert the metal into scores of different articles that are demanded by the people of that part of the country. The construction and operation of hundreds of factories on or near the coast will certainly follow the successful production of iron in Utah." One can accept all this as reasonable or not, as one pleases; but it should be remembered that Montana and Arizona, which already furnish more copper than Michigan, are nearer to the Pacific seaboard than to the Atlantic; and if the former be furnished with cheap iron also, considerable manufacturing developments may be expected.

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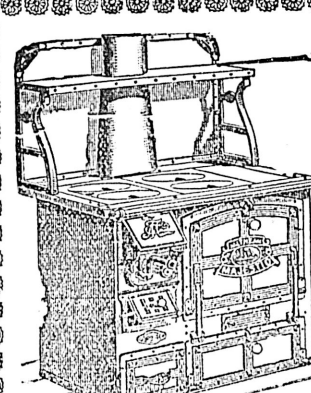
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